

2016 CalVet Woman Veteran Trailblazer:

KELLY D. CARLISLE



Kelly D. Carlisle founded Acta Non Verba: Youth Urban Farm Project in 2010 after she returned to East Oakland and saw that the community of her childhood had few positive outlets and activities for youth. She started gardening with her daughter and decided to start an organization centered on farming that would benefit children. She now serves as the Executive Director.

Kelly is an avid gardener and an Alameda County Master Gardener Trainee. She was selected as one of 200 U.S. Delegates to Slow Food International's Terra Madre and Salone del Gusto in 2012 and 2014. In December 2011, she was listed as the *Bon Appetit* Good Food Fellow.

Kelly is a Veteran of the United States Navy and received many awards, including the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal and 2015 Veteran of the Year. She is an active member of the Farmer Veteran Coalition. In 2014, Kelly's work at ANV was honored at the White House by President Barack Obama.

She worked with and mentored pre-teen and teenage youth since the age of 14. A native of East Oakland, California, she is committed to creating positive change in her childhood city.

In her free time Kelly likes to watch Game of Thrones and read Stephen King novels.